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### 1. JAPAN

NIHON KEIZAI REPORTED SUNDAY THAT SHOWA DENKO, LEADING ALUMINUM SMELTER, PLANS SHIFT OPERATIONS ABROAD DUE HIGH ENERGY COSTS. WILL CUT PRODUCTION AT 19,000-TON CAPACITY NAGANO PLANT IN HALF BY END JANUARY. FIRM PRES HARUO SUZUKI SAID JAPANESE INDUSTRY HAS LOST INTL COMPETITIVE POWER SINCE OIL CRISIS (UPI, CHITRIB).

PRIVATE FORECASTERS BELIEVE GOJ ESTIMATE OF 5.6 PCT GNP GROWTH IN JFY 76 EXCESSIVELY HIGH; MOST PREDICT GROWTH UNCLASSIFIED

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RANGING FROM 4 TO 5 PCT (JOC, TOKYO).

NISSAN MOTORS FORECASTS 7 PCT DECLINE IN DOMESTIC CAR SALES NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE OF PRICE HIKES CAUSED BY

INTRODUCTION COMPULSORY ANTIPOLLUTION EQUIPMENT ON NEW CARS. EXPECTS SLIGHT INCREASE EXPORTS. OVERALL PLANS PRODUCE 4 PCT FEWER CARS THAN 2,077,000 UNITS TURNED OUT IN 1975 (JOC, TOKYO).

CHARLES DOLE (CSM AUTO EDITOR) IN TOKYO TELLS HOW MAJOR CITIES EXPAND PUBLIC, PRIVATE RAPID TRANSIT SERVICE TO

EASE CONGESTION CAUSED BY TEN-FOLD INCREASE IN RIDERS OVER PAST TWO DECADES. DETAILS PLANS BY TOKYO TO EXPAND PRESENT EIGHT SUBWAY LINES TO THIRTEEN BY 1985. NOTES GOVT DOES NOT YET FORCE PEOPLE RELY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT, BUT SINCE DEC 1 POLICE HAVE BANNED NON-METERED ON-STREET PARKING INSIDE CIRCUMFERENTIAL HIGHWAY AROUND TOKYO OUTSKIRTS.

BANK OF JAPAN BOUGHT ESTIMATED 100 MILLION DOLS TUESDAY, TO KEEP FOREX RATE FROM SLIPPING BELOW 305 YEN. DEALERS SAY BOJ DID NOT WANT YEN RISE SHARPLY BEFORE IMF INTERIM CMTE MEETS JAMAICA NEXT MONTH (REUTER, TOKYO).

## 2. KOREA

ROKG TUESDAY ANNOUNCED ARREST OF 324 PEOPLE IN VICINITY OF PUSAN, ON SUSPICION OF SMUGGLING. SAID GOODS WORTH 4.6 MILLION DOLS SMUGGLED IN; OVER 70 LOCAL POLICE, CUSTOMS, POST OFFICE OFFICIALS AMONG THOSE INVOLVED (REUTER, SEOUL).

JOC'S TEFLER IN FOURTH OF SERIES FROM SEOUL INTERVIEWS DEP PM NAM DUCK-WOO, FIN MIN KIM YONG-HWAN, BOTH RETAINED IN OFFICE IN RECENT CABINET SHAKE-UP. QUOTES THEIR CONFIDENCE IN SOUNDNESS OF ROK DEBT-MANAGEMENT POLICIES, AND PREDICTIONS THAT CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT WILL BE CUT TO LESS THAN 1.5 BILLION DOLS IN 1976, REAL GNP GROWTH WILL BE 7 PCT.

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## 3. CHINA

TWELVE US CONGRESSWOMEN IN PEKING TO MEET CHINESE LEADERS, EXAMINE ROLE WOMEN PLAY IN PRC SOCIETY. ON PEKING ARRIVAL, THEY DESCRIBED THIS FIRST ALL-WOMAN US OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC MISSION AS SMALL LANDMARK IN HISTORY OF WOMEN'S LIB. NO INDICATION YET WHETHER CODEL WILL MEET CHIANG CHING DURING 12-DAY PRC STAY; GROUP WELCOMED AT AIRPORT BY NANCY TANG (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA REPORTS DAVID/JULIE EISENHOWER MET CHIAO KUANG-HUA TUESDAY, WITH HUANG CHEN, CHU CHUAN-HSIEN, TANG WEN-SHENG ALSO PRESENT. MONDAY NIGHT, EISENHOWERS WERE

HONORED AT BANQUET GIVEN BY HUANG. PEKING OBSERVERS BELIEVE OUTSIDE CHANCE PRC WILL SHOW RESPECT FOR NIXON BY GRANTING EISENHOWERS AUDIENCE WITH MAO (REUTER PEKING).

THREE SOVIET FLIERS FREED BY PRC AFTER NEARLY 21 MONTHS OF DETENTION ON SUSPICION OF SPYING FLEW INTO MOSCOW (WP); WERE WHISKED FROM PLANE FOR DEBRIEFING (REUTER, NYT).

MEANWHILE, NCNA, REPEATING CHARGES IT MADE EARLIER THIS WEEK, CALLED SOVIET "MAIN SOURCE" OF WAR DANGER, SAID RUSSIANS PUTTING THEIR ECONOMY ON WAR FOOTING. CONTRADICTION OF PRC HARSH WORDS FOR MOSCOW AND PLEASANT SENDOFF FOR SOVIET AIRMEN HAS CONFUSED ANALYSTS IN PEKING AND MOSCOW (WP).

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS LETTER TO MAO FROM 1,804 "WORKER, SOLDIER, PEASANT" STUDENT ACTIVISTS, GRADUATING FROM TSINGHUA U, EXPRESSING DETERMINATION STICK TO PURE MAOIST LINE IN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST EDUCATION MINISTER CHOU JUNG-HSIN. AUTHORS PLEDGED VOLUNTEER WORK IN BACKWARD AREAS OF COUNTRY; SAID 138 STUDENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN OK WORK IN TIBET, TSINGHAI PROVINCE OR SINKIANG DESERT WASTES.

NYDN AD SAYS "CHINA TODAY,, ILLUSTRATED BOOKLET OF OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTARY BY EDITOR O'NEILL, FOLLOWING HIS 25-DAY JOURNEY THROUGH PRC, NOW AVAILABLE IN BOOK FORM. BOOK FIRST APPEARED AS NYDN SERIES.  
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#### 4. INDOCHINA

GAO REPORT TO CONGRESS STATES 8.5 BILLION DOL ARMS SHIPMENTS TO GVN, ISRAEL 1972-74 "SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED" US SUPPLIES OF TANKS, PLANES, MISSILES, AND HURT OVERALL US MIL PREPAREDNESS (WSJ, WP).

#### 5. THAILAND

PM KUKRIT SAID TODAY THAILAND WILL REOPEN BORDER THURSDAY AS "NEW YEAR'S PRESENT" FOR LAOS. FM CHATICHAI SAID DECISION TAKEN BECAUSE OF RECENT SHOW OF "SOFTER" POLICY TOWARD THAILAND, INCLUDING LAOS' ACCEPTANCE OF THAI INVITATION TAKE PART IN CULTURAL FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH (REUTER, BANGKOK).

CDN'S TANARKIN (PHILA BULL 12/22) DESCRIBES CURE TAKEN BY HUNDREDS OF DRUG ADDICTS, ALCOHOLICS AT THAMKRABOG MONASTERY 100 MILES N OF BANGKOK, INCLUDING SOME FOREIGNERS. UNIQUE CURE COMBINES SELF-DETERMINATION, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, HERBAL REMEDIES AND "COLD TURKEY"; 40,000 PATIENTS SAID CURED IN PAST 18 YEARS.

6. INDONESIA

AMEMBASSY FSL FAUZI SALEH SENTENCED 11 MOS IN JAIL FOR SMUGGLING 72 MT OF CLOVES INTO INDONESIA WITH FALSE DOCUMENTS; ALSO FINED 1,800 DOLS (REUTER, JAKARTA).

7. PORTUGUESE TIMOR

SYG WALDHEIM MONDAY NAMED USCY VITTORIO WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE; AGREED SEND HIM TO E TIMOR DESPITE URGING BY PRO-INDO REGIME NOW IN CONTROL THAT VISIT BE PUT OFF FOR "SAFETY" REASONS. PORTUGAL, INDONESIA CONCURRED IN APPOINTMENT (NYT SPECIAL, UN).

FRETELIN DELEGATION ARRIVED PEKING, SEEKING SUPPORT AGAINST INDO TAKEOVER (WP).

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PORTUGUESE SPOKESMAN IN DARWIN SAID MONDAY GOP SENDING ARMED ESCORT SHIP TO E TIMOR TO MAINTAIN PRESENCE (REUTER, SUN).

PRO-INDO PROVISIONAL GOVT AUTHORIZED RADIO DILI REPORT MONDAY THAT INDONESIAN FLAG RAISED OVER ATAURO ISLAND, PORTUGAL'S LAST FOOTHOLD IN E TIMOR (REUTER, WP, SUN).

AUSTRALIA-E TIMOR ASSN SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS SYDNEY MONDAY DUNKIRK-STYLE SEA RESCUE BEING PLANNED TO EVACUATE E TIMOR REFUGEES TO AUSTRALIA, IN RESPONSE FRETELIN PLEA. FRETELIN SAID CIVILIAN SUPPORTERS WOULD BE EXECUTED IF CAPTURED BY PRO-INDO FORCES FANNING OUT FROM DILI. AUSSIE SPOKESMAN CLAIMED SUPPORT BY MARITIME UNIONS. GOA SPOKESMAN SAID RESCUE PLAN IMPRACTICAL, AND IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN TIMORESE AFFAIRS (UPI, PHINQ).

FM MALIK IN JAKARTA LABELED REPORTS GOI HAS SENT NEW FORCES TO AID PRO-INDO CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRETELIN "LIES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT" (UPI, PHINQ; WP).

8. NEW ZEALAND

NYT'S ANDELMAN IN WELLINGTON TELLS HOW NATION TAKES OFF MONTH-LONG MID-SUMMER HOLIDAY, AT BEACHES AND MOUNTAINS. EXAMPLE SET BY PM MULDOON, WHO HELD LAST NEWS CONFERENCE OF YEAR DEC 22, WON'T RETURN FROM BEACH COTTAGE TILL JAN 19.

JOC'S MCLAUCHLAN IN AUCKLAND SAYS STRONGER INTL DEMAND FOR NZ CROSS-BRED WOOLS HELPS FARMERS RECOVER FROM

DISASTROUS START OF SEASON WHEN PRICES WERE DOWN IN JULY. PRICES COMFORTABLY AHEAD OF "ILLUSORY INCREASES" RESULTING FROM 15 PCT DEVALUATION IN AUG, AND FARMERS BETTER OFF IN REAL TERMS THAN LAST YEAR.

PRIVATE INSTITUTE OF ECON RESEARCH PREDICTS NZ CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH NEXT YEAR. FORESEES DEFICIT OF 820 NZ DOL FOR YEAR ENDING MAR 31, WHICH EXPECTED SHRINK TO 520 NZ DOLS FOLLOWING YEAR  
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(JOC, AUCKLAND).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 9. THAILAND

STL P-D (12/21) STATES WITHDRAWAL OF LAST US WARPLANES FROM THAILAND, AND PLANNED WITHDRAWAL OF REMAINING 13,500 US TROOPS NEXT MARCH MARKS END OF "A MISGUIDED FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT." HOPES US WILL RESPECT WISHES OF DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED RTG TO SURVIVE AS NON-COMMUNIST NATION IN INDOCHINA BY CUTTING HEAVY-HANDED US CONNECTION. OPINES POLITICAL DESTINES OF ASIAN NATIONS, OVER LONG HAUL, CANNOT BE DICTATED BY PRESENCE OF US ARMS AND AMERICAN TROOPS.

#### 10. INDOCHINA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN VIENTIANE (12/25) REVIEWS OUTSIDE-POWER RIVALRY THAT EMBROILS NEW LAOTIAN COMMUNIST RULERS. PERCEIVES NVN PLAYING PREDOMINANT IF SHADOWY ROLE TO KEEP UP FRICTION AGAINST THAILAND, ITS MAJOR OPPONENT IN SEA. NOTES SOV MOVED SWIFTLY TO EXPAND INFLUENCE WHEN END OF WAR REMOVED RESTRAINTS ON SINO-SOV CONFLICT IN INDOCHINA, NOW REPORTED HAVE OVER 500 DIPLOMATS, PILOTS, ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS IN LAOS DOING ALL SORTS OF THINGS. IN CONTRAST, CHINESE MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE. RECALLS AMERICANS EARLIER MISJUDGED FORCE OF NATIONALISM, AND QUESTIONS HOW MUCH INFLUENCE LAO COMMUNISTS WILL PERMIT NVN, SOV EXERCISE IN LONG RUN.

SOUTHERLAND (CSM 12/29) IN VIENTIANE SAYS US THEORETICALLY ENJOYS NORMAL RELATIONS WITH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS, BUT SIGNS OF ABNORMALITY ABOUND. AMB-DESIGNATE GALEN STONE REMAINS IN WASHINGTON; AMEMBASSY STAFF PARED DOWN TO 27 PERSONS, INCLUDING SIX MSG, ALL CONFINED TO VIENTIANE; USG BANK ASSESTS OF ABOUT 166,000 DOLS IN KIP FROZEN BY NEW GOVT; AID MISSION CLOSED. BELIEVES US OBVIOUSLY JUDGES IT WORTHWHILE KEEP OPEN MISSION, AND WHILE KAYSONE SAID TWO MONTHS AGO THERE LITTLE POINT

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TO CONTINUING RELATIONS IF US DOES NOT RESUME GIVING AID, LAO REGIME LATELY STRESSES ITS DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US. ALSO NOTES TWO OF FOUR CONGRESSMEN WHO RECENTLY VISITED LAOS (INCLUDING REP.

MCCLOSKEY, CAL) COMPLAINED PRIVATELY THAT SOME MEMBERS OF AMEMBASSY STAFF TAKING "TOO HOSTILE" AN ATTITUDE TOWARD LAOTIANS.

BOST H-A (12/28) NOTES RECENT DISPATCH FROM PARIS THAT DISCLOSES "GHOULISH AND SICKENING NEWS" ABOUT REGIME MOST AMERICANS WISH FORGET -- HANOI. GHOULISH NEWS IS THAT NVN IS MOVING TO GET US AID BY SUDDENLY BECOMING MORE COOPERATIVE ON QUESTION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO 832 MIA. SICKENING PART IS THAT SOME US OFFICIALS SEEM RECEPTIVE TO THIS GRIM PLOY, AND SOME EVEN PREDICT THAW IN HANOI ATTITUDE PAVES WAY FOR FULL DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FORMER ENEMY.

LOUISVILLE C-J (12/13) REVIEWS GENL WESTMORELAND'S BOOK, WHICH "REHASHES ALL THE OLD HAWKISH ARGUMENTS" ABOUT WHY WE LOST THE WAR IN VN--WHICH WAS FAULT OF POLITICIANS WHO WOULDN'T LET GENERALS DO WHAT NECESSARY TO WIN. SAYS HE IGNORES FACT AMERICAN PEOPLE REPEATEDLY REJECTED AT BALLOT-BOX AND ON STREETS ALL EFFORTS TO CONVERT FIGHTING INTO ALL-OUT WAR. SUGGESTS MISTAKES BEGAN BE MADE WHEN MILITARY MEN GOT OWN WAY AT WH.

#### 11. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FRANCES FITZERALD (WSTAR 12/28) REVIEWS DIFFICULTIES OF COMPLETING OPERATION NEW LIFE, WHICH SAW SOME 130,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RESETTLED IN ALL 50 STATES, AND NEARLY EVERY STRATUM OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. PROFILES GEN TON THAT DINH, WHO CAUGHT ON TO FACT "AMERICANS ARE SO DEMOCRATIC. ANYONE CAN MAKE MONEY IF THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK." NOTES GOODWILL AND EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, BUT SAYS SYSTEM WORKED FOR ITSELF IN WHAT FORMER AID OFFICIAL LABELED "BODY-COUNT APPROACH". CONCLUDES MODEL FORMED IN ALL YEARS OF VIOLENCE WAS TOO UNCLASSIFIED

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INDELIBLE TO ERASE, AND FORT CHAFFEE BECAME REPLICA OF ALL US PROJECTS IN VIETNAM.

#### 12. CHINA

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, SAYS IF PEKING NOW NEGOTIATING EXPORT CRUDE OIL TO US, AS TOKYO REPORTS INDICATE, MOVE WOULD MARK BOTH TURNAROUND AND NEW ERA IN SINO-US TRADE. BUT ADVISES THAT MANY HK OIL MEN BELIEVE TOKYO REPORTS PREMATURE, THAT US OIL COMPANY NEGOTIATIONS ARE FOR PRC OIL TO BE USED IN ASIA.

STLP-D (12/21) REPRINTS SEVERAL TRUDEAU CARTOONS, OUTGROWTH OF HIS PRC TRIP. IN ACCOMPANYING COLUMN, TRUDEAU CITES ABSENCE SUBTLETY IN TENG HSIO-PING'S WARNING TO FORD PARTY AGAINST DETENTE WITH SOVIET. SAYS 137 MEMBERS OF US PRESS PARTY IN ATTENDANCE AT PEKING OPENING NIGHT TOAST "LOOKED AT EACH OTHER IN ASTONISHMENT" AFTER TENG DIATRIBE. CONTENDS PRES' PRC VISIT WITHOUT NEWS SUBSTANCE, EXCEPT FOR BETTY FORD "JOYFUL PAS DE DEUX" AT DANCE SCHOOL. FOUND CHINESE LIKE THEIR CLASSLESSNESS, AND SELF-EXPRESSION DISCOURAGED AT EVERY AREA OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR, EXCEPT FOR HORN HONKING, IN WHICH THEY EXCEL--RELENTLESSLY. RECALLING HAK PEKING PRESS BRIEFING, FEELS SUCH THINGS ENDURED PRIMARILY BECAUSE FEELS SO GOOD WHEN THEY'RE OVER.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN HK, SAYS TIMING (MONDAY) OF FRESH PRC ANTI-SOVIET POLEMICS SEEMED INDICATE RELEASE OF SOVIET FLIERS TWO DAYS EARLIER DID NOT PORTEND MAJOR NEW CHINESE EFFORT IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW; FROM CAREFUL READING OF BRIEF PEKING STATEMENT ANNOUNCING MEN'S RELEASE, APPEARED POSSIBLE PRC WAS SAYING IT ACCEPTED FLIERS' VERSION OF ACCIDENT WHILE CONTINUING CHARGE HELICOPTER WAS ON ARMED RECONN MISSION, SINCE STATEMENT AGAIN IDENTIFIED CHOPPER AS "ARMED RECONNAISSANCE HELICOPTER."

CHITRIB'S JACKSON, IN MOSCOW, OBSERVES SOME EARLY INDICATIONS SOVIETS RESPONDING TO CHINESE RELEASE  
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OF 3 FLIERS. DURING WEEK PRECEDING, THERE APPEARED NO MAJOR SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS ON PRC, POSSIBLY BECAUSE KREMLIN HAD BEEN INFORMED OF COMING RELEASE. UNTIL LAST WEEK, HARDLY DAY WENT BY WITHOUT SOME ATTACK ON PRC LEADERSHIP, SO SEEMED UNLIKELY WEEK OF SILENCE ACCIDENTAL.

ISAACS (SUN), IN HK, REPORTS CHINA-WATCHERS THERE "OPENLY BEWILDERED" ABOUT PRC MOTIVES FOR SUDDEN RELEASING SOVIET FLIERS AND, EVEN MORE BAFFLING, FOR PUBLICLY WITHDRAWING CHARGE THAT CHOPPER WAS ON ESPIONAGE MISSION WHEN CAPTURED. NOT ONLY CAN HK CHINA-WATCHERS RECALL NO OTHER INSTANCES WHEN CHINESE, AFTER MAKING SUCH SPECIFIC, CATEGORICAL

ACCUSATIONS, LATER RETRACTED THEM, NEITHER COULD ANYONE  
DETECT ANY OTHER SIGNS OF SINO-SOVIET THAW.

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK, NOTES PRC HAS ISSUED FUNDAMENTAL

MANIFESTO HAILING PRAGMATIC, MODERATE GOVT AND REJECTING  
RADICAL POLICIES OF CHINESE DOCTRINAIRE LEFTISTS.  
FEELS NEW MANIFESTO'S PURPOSE UNLIKE THOSE OF ANARCHIC  
GPCR, BUT NEARLY AS IMPORTANT (PHINQ).

AMONG IMPRESSIONS LEFT BY TWO-WEEK SINKIANG TOUR --  
FIRST SUCH GRANTED WESTERN JOURNALIST SINCE 1949 -- NYT'S  
AUDREY TOPPING (12/27) REPORTS MORE THAN MILLION ETHNIC  
CHINESE SETTLERS HAVE HACKED OUT VAST STATE FARMS IN  
AREA. CONTINUING WAVES OF ETHNIC CHINESE SETTLERS,  
TOGETHER WITH NATIVE "NATIONAL MINORITIES," HAVE TRANS-  
FORMED PASTORAL LIFE OF REGION; DESPITE CHINESE INFLUX,  
TRADITIONAL ANTAGONISM BETWEEN HAN PEOPLE AND MINORITIES  
SEEMS LESSENED GREATLY UNDER SLOGAN, "UNITY AND STRUGGLE."

NYT'S MAXWELL, IN CANBERRA, SAYS NEW GRAIN-OUTPUT  
FIGURES RELEASED BY PRC INDICATE CHINESE AGRIC  
PRODUCTION HAS TAKEN OFF IN 1970'S AND IS INCREASING  
AT RATE MARKEDLY HIGHER THAN ESTIMATED BY WESTERN  
CHINA-WATCHERS (12/26).

AFP'S HUANG, IN HK, NOTES PRC, HAVING FLEXED ITS  
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CULTURAL MUSCLES IN PAST YEAR ON FOREIGN TREATMENT OF  
CHINESE NAMES, IS STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO MAKE WORLD  
CONFORM TO ITS WAY OF SPELLING THEM, INSTEAD OF USING  
WESTERN SYSTEM DEVISED BY MISSIONARIES (WP).

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, OBSERVES  
THAT PEKING HAS LIFTED VEIL ON CURRENT CONTROVERSY  
SURROUNDING EDUCATION POLICY BY ALLOWING FOREIGN  
NEWSMEN HEAR, READ, STRONG ATTACKS AGAINST EDUCATION  
MINISTER CHOU JUNG-HSIN. FAR FROM CLEAR TO OUTSIDER  
EXACTLY WHERE CHOU STANDS, BECAUSE QUOTATIONS ATTRIBUTED  
TO HIM BY POSTERS AT PEKING U NOT PUT IN ANY CONTEXT,  
NOT IDENTIFIED BY TIME OR PLACE; BUT QUOTATIONS ALL  
POINT TO CHOU'S CONCERN ABOUT STANDARDS. LIKELY THAT  
ORIGINAL CALL FOR CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM ORIGINATED  
HIGH IN CCP (CSM 12/26; WP 12/25).

MUNRO SUGGESTS MOST WESTERNER WOULD AUTOMATICALLY TEND  
SIDE WITH CHOU JUNG-HSIN'S CALL FOR HIGHER ACADEMIC  
STANDARDS; BUT ISSUE COMPLICATED, SINCE ONE OF  
PRC'S HISTORIC PROBLEMS HAS BEEN INTELLECTUAL  
ELITE ALOOF FROM PEOPLE AND FROM PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.  
WHILE RADICALS HAVE UPPER HAND NOW, STILL SOM" NAGGING



QUESTIONS ABOUT BROADER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF  
CONTROVERSY (WP 12/29; NYT 12/28).

WP'S GREENWAY, IN VIENTIANE, SAYS SOVIETS HAVE REPLACED  
AMERICANS AS PRIMARY TARGET OF CONCERN FOR PRC  
INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AROUND WORLD, AND NOWHERE THIS  
MORE OBVIOUS THAN IN SEA -- WHERE PEKING FEARS NOT ONLY  
SOVIET PENETRATION OF PRO-WESTERN COUNTRIES, BUT SOVIET  
INFLUENCE WITH NEWLY VICTORIOUS VIETS. PRC SECRET  
SERVICE REMAINS ONE OF WORLD'S MOST SECRET, WITH VERY  
FEW HIGH-LEVEL DEFECTORS; ITS OPERATIONS USUALLY LOW-  
KEY, UNOBSTRUSIVE COMPARED TO CIA OR KGB.

WM R HEARST, JR (SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE 12/7) CITES  
TENG HSIAO-PING'S BLUNT, OUTSPOKEN REMARKS AGAINST  
US DETENTE WITH SOVIET. CONCLUDES TENG "WAS RIGHT. I  
AGREE WITH HIM -- IT'S TIME TO TAKE LONG, HARD LOOK  
AT THIS THING CALLED ETENTE. IT SEEMS TO BE CAUSING  
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US IRREPARABLE HARM."

ALBION (MICH) COLLEGE PROF QUALE CONCLUDES THAT PEKING  
OPPOSES SOVIET-US DETENTE BECAUSE IT STRENGTHENS POSITIONS  
OF BOTH MOSCOW -- PEKING'S MORE IMMEDIATELY FEARED FOE--  
AND WASHINGTON, WHICH PEKING STILL SEES AS PROBABLE  
EVENTUAL FOE. PRC MIGHT ALSO OPPOSE SOVIET-US DETENTE  
NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF DIRECT DESIRE WEAKEN MOSCOW-WASHINGTON  
AXIS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF WHAT IT PERCEIVES AS ITS  
INTEREST IN WEAKENING TOKYO'S TIES WITH BOTH US, SOVIET  
(NATIONAL OBSERVER 12/27).

US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT EXECUTIVE EDITOR MARVIN STONE  
(12/18) MAINTAINS CURRENT GENERATION PEKING LEADERS  
DOES NOT BELIEVE IN UNBREAKABLE FRIENDSHIPS, BUT  
PUTS TRUST IN TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AS EVENTS DICTATE.  
SO, QUESTION FOR FUTURE IS: WHAT IS US PLAN IF SINO-  
SOVIET FEUD ENDS AFTER MAO'S DEATH AND TWO COMMUNIST  
GIANTS DECIDE CARVE UP ASIA?

13. KOREA/GENERAL

NYT LEAD EDIT (12/29) HAILS SENATE PASSAGE OF MONDALE-  
PASTORE RESOLUTION, THAT CALLS ON PRES, SECSTATE TO  
TAKE ACTION TO HALT THREATENED SPREAD OF NUCLEAR  
TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF PRODUCING WEAPONS-  
GRADE PLUTONIUM. CITES MONDALE STATEMENT ANALYZING  
"DANGEROUS" FRG-BRAZIL AND FRANCE-ROK DEALS, AND HIS  
CALL ON ALL SUPPLIERS INCLUDING FRANCE, FRG TO "NOT  
PROVIDE PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING..EQUIPMENT TO ANY NON-  
NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATE." BELIEVES PRIVATE AGREEMENT  
AMONG UK, CANADA, JAPAN, USSR TO TIGHTEN UP IAEA

SAFEGUARDS "USEFUL" BUT CAUTIONS AGAINST ERRONEOUS  
IMPRESSION THIS MEANS IT NOW "SAFE" TO SELL BRAZIL, ROK,  
OTHERS SMALL, UNECONOMIC PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING

PLANTS THAT WOULD GIVE THEM A-BOMB CAPABILITY AND  
THUS WIDEN RISK OF GUERRILLA AND TERRORIST SEIZURE  
OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES.

IN SECOND EDIT NYT STATES PRES WILL BE DELINQUENT IN  
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RESPONSIBILITIES TO NATION AND MANKIND IF HE DOES NOT  
NOW VIGOROUSLY PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO FRENCH PRES,  
WGERMAN CHANCELLOR FOR MORATORIUM ON SALES OF PILOT  
PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING PLANTS WHILE EFFORTS GO  
FORWARD TO CREATE REGIONAL, MULTINATIONAL NUCLEAR  
FUEL CENTERS.

14. GENERAL

SHAPLEN (GLOBE 12/20) FINDS PEACE AS ELUSIVE AS EVER  
IN SEA, WHERE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY MOVEMENTS ARE  
CAUSING THAILAND, MALAYSIA AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF  
TROUBLE. SUGGESTS LEVEL OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY  
LIKELY TO RISE AMID SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUITIES  
ON WHICH INSURGENCIES TRADITIONALLY FEED. NOTES

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FAIL NARROW GAP BETWEEN RICH AND  
POOR, POLITICAL REPRESSION RISING. AND DESPITE DIS-  
CLAIMERS, PEKING CONTINUES ENCOURAGE REBEL GROUPS,  
PARTLY TO OFFSET THREAT OF SOV ENCROACHMENT. ROBINSON

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